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# Senate Demands Resignations From Five Members

by Jack Keefe

The RWC Student Senate, in a rare display of purpose and representative forthrightness, requested the resignations of five of its members, including President, Jeri Danzig. Last Wednesday at its regular meeting, the Senate voted to accept the resignations of Danzig, Paul Howley, and Heather Emmanuel. It also voted to ask 2 other Senate members to resign at the end of this semester.

For months, almost since the

Senate formed this September, there has been growing unrest among those senators who do put in long hours. There is too much work, they claim, for just a minority of the senate to accomplish.

"All semester long, we've been trying to get ourselves on our feet, and now perhaps we can get people on the senate who are willing to make that commitment," said one senator who remains. "Those people

(who were asked to leave) were on it for status, and little else."

Much can be said for the senate's efforts to clean its own house. There is clearly a small cadre of senators who possess vision and intelligence, qualities thought to be nonexistent in an RWC student senator. These rare souls have undertaken the arduous task of re-writing the RWC Constitution, a morbidly humorous document, designed, no doubt, to

confuse rather than enlighten.

Paul Hofmann, senate parliamentarian and prime motivator for the reorganization, has some interesting plans for next semester's elections.

"Come February, I'd like to see candidates offer platform statements to the Quill for publications. Perhaps, even a day for speeches, some way in which voter interest could be

aroused."

Finally, the student senate at RWC is beginning to act like a responsible legislative body. Hopefully, the days of the self-interested morons, the sleepwalkers who are only concerned with promoting their own club in the senate, are all but over. A creative, lively and thriving student senate will go a long way in improving life at the Dodge.

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## NIKE SITE DEBATED AT RWC

### Rizzini and Nunes At Press Conference

by Gee Aertsen

A press conference concerning the Ferry Road Nike Site was held on Monday, December 8th at 11:00 a.m. in the Bay Room. It was explained in the last issue of the *QUILL* that Roger Williams College and the town of Bristol are in contention for the Nike Site which lies adjacent to the college. The town needs the land for classroom space. Bristol's schools are currently overcrowded and the Multi-Unit school, which is now in the Kaiser Aluminum Factory, will have to find new classrooms for the factory is evicting the school this spring. The college, however, needs the land for educational expansion. RWC needs dormitory space, classroom space, and laboratory space which are all immediate needs also. The controversy has been going on for months now, and with the GSA, General Services Administration about to hand down a decision, the *Quill* hosted a news conference to spark some crucial answers from some very timely questions.

Representing the town at the conference was Mr. Augustine Nunes, town administrator, and from the college were Mr.

William Rizzini, Vice President of RWC and Mr. Roland Shappi, assistant to the vice-president. It had been agreed that they would appear back to back to each other with the first guest being Mr. Nunes.

*Quill* reporters and spectators fired questions to Mr. Nunes which sparked the following answers. The following are highlights of the conference:

Q— In an article in the *Bristol Phoenix* dated October 30, it states that enrollment in the Bristols schools has dropped for the past three years and will continue to do so for a few years to come. Town officials have said that enrollment is rising. Could you tell us which is right?

N— "Bristol is a growing community even though people are not having as many kids as they use to. Educational needs will rise along with business growth. We need space for growth."

Q— Is the Ferry Road Nike Site your only avenue for expansion?

N— "I feel the Nike Site is the only avenue for expansion for Bristol. Any other avenue would take time to decide

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Town Administrator Nunes delivers opening statement to press conference.

## A Plea For Joint Use

by Jack Keefe

Bristol town administrator, Augustine Nunes, came to RWC one day last week, bringing with him the sad tale of the Bristol school system. A history of inept town government, filled with political bickering rather than sound planning and sensible financial management, actions that have encouraged Bristol's voters to turn down several tax packages because they are already too highly taxed. The town is having trouble gathering the money to build the desperately needed school buildings (a few hundred children go to school in an Aluminum factory).

So when the GSA announced that it was accepting proposals for the Nike site from interested parties, the town must have thought itself saved from the plague of dumb government by, if not divine intervention, then at least good ol' Uncle Sam.

But the town bungled it again. The GSA rejected the town's first proposal for the site as too vague, too "iffy". RWC, on the other hand, had joined with the Newport County Chapter of the Retarded Citizens Assoc., and quietly put together a thorough, well-thought out, albeit dull pro-

posal. Acting on an HEW recommendation, the GSA made a preliminary decision in favor of the school.

Red-faced, but determined, Bristol made a plea for the right to a 2nd proposal. In this, the brilliant logicians down at Town Hall copied parts of the RWC proposal almost word for word in asking the GSA to grant the three competitors "joint use". Town council members went to Boston to plea their rapidly weakening case. Governor Noel, Rep. St. Germain, and other political heavies went on record in the town's favor. Bristol tried to get a petition drive started, but this effort was ended almost before it began.

It was on this note that Mr. Nunes, a politically desperate man, came to RWC last week to try again to rally some sort of support for his thus far apparently ill-fated proposal.

Most of the area's major media outlets were there, Channels 6 and 12, the *Providence Journal* and the *Bristol Phoenix*, and of course, *The Quill*. The aforementioned media, along with channel 10, have simply parroted the often mis-leading polemics of Mr. Nunes. A *Journal* editorial mentioned a Nunes statement

directed to a rapidly rising school population as fact, as did a *Phoenix* article. Yet, less than a month ago, Mr. Travers, superintendent of Bristol schools, told a *Phoenix* reporter that the school population had gone down for three consecutive years and would probably continue to do so until at least 1980. There are other misstatements, exaggerations, and outright non-truths; one develops a sense of pity for the people who live in Bristol.

RWC, publicly represented by V.P. Rizzini and privately controlled by the dark and virtually anonymous Board of Trustees, is sittin' pretty. They are confident of success and it's beginning to show in public statements. In last week's press conference, Mr. Rizzini repudiated a *Phoenix* article that quoted him as expressing satisfaction with joint use. When asked about RWC's position on joint use, Rizzini tried to slide around the question by diverting the power of decision to the Board, "and as far as I know, they haven't considered joint use." When pressed on the issue of joint use as the fairest and most equitable method, Rizzini was firm, suggesting that the Board didn't

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VP Rizzini being interviewed by TV reporter with Administrative Aide Shappi and Quill News Editor Gee Aertsen looking on.



# EDITORIAL

## Goodbye, So Long, Farewell

This will be my last editorial, my last harangue as editor of the *Quill*. I've enjoyed it thoroughly, there aren't many other situations in which my words would be printed at no cost and read by a thousand people. At this point in whatever sort of writing career develops, I am still a hack. And nothing pleases this hack more than to be able to churn out copy on most any subject, and know that my editor will print it. More than anything else, the apathy and lack of interest in the *Quill* generated by you, the students, has granted me this remarkable privilege. Where else, on what other campus, could I simply walk into some office and announce that I would serve as editor of the newspaper with no experience whatsoever? Ah, even as I prepare to graduate, the Dodge never ceases to astound.

Colleges, particularly the small private, liberal arts variety, are in trouble. The price of admission into the privileged upper reaches of our meritocracy has been raised, the result of the ravages of inflation. No longer does that college degree guarantee an 'executive trainee' position, and membership to the country club of American 'free-enterprise'. One needs training these days, and those business and engineering majors among us are well aware of that fact. Personally, I've never been able to see why anyone would submit to studying business of their own free will. The subject resembles an intellectual Vietnam battlefield, totally devoid of a living idea, scorched of any creative thinking.

But then most business majors aren't interested in ideas, they are interested in money. And that's where colleges are at these days. They are beginning to exist more and more exclusively for those who wish to fit into the economic mega-structure at an appropriately high salary. Creativity and thoughtful examination of human values take a backseat position to the quest for the Almighty Buck. Doesn't it occur to some of you that beyond a certain subsistence level, the pleasure and comforts you purchase have more to do with your ability to enjoy them? I know more miserable RWC students who are living off their rich parents, and their constant, incessant complaint is one of boredom.

We are rapidly approaching a society in which any pleasure and desire imaginable is obtainable at the right price. It doesn't take too much imagination

to envision the day, when through the use of computers and the proper drug, one will be able to experience anything he can conceive, probably instantly. Perhaps future Nixons and Hitlers will relieve their dominance and cruelty fetishes in some 21st century House of Pleasure, Pain, and Passion, so in that way society will remain relatively clear. No doubt, a new form of madness will arise. To gear one's life toward the accumulation of wealth seems like the most empty of possible alternatives. To reduce your mind and spirit to an inventory of sales approaches and managerial regulations seems little different than memorizing and reciting the stations of the cross, the Apostle's Creed, etc. The 14th century merchant who paid 50% of his income as tithings to the Church thought he would be rewarded in the life after. The college student who spends 50% of his study time on material that is totally devoid of inspiration believes his efforts at self-torture will reap a bountiful salary, and then, "things will be better". The Sufis speak of a man who was set upon by a robber in the forest. The man gladly gave every possession he owned to the man, but pitied the thief for being unable to capture the real riches, the Sun, the Moon, in his heart. Zen Buddhists speak of "selling water by the river". To go to college, a place where the potential for growth and self-exploration are unlimited, in order to squeeze yourself into a tight little box and air mail it to the highest bidder is like going to the beach to eat sand. This doesn't refer to just business majors, every area has people who are in it simply for what they can suck from it, rather than for what they can contribute. The simple fact that political consciousness is nonexistent on this campus testifies to the self-aggrandizing attitude prevalent here and elsewhere.

Which brings us to Christmas. The day on which, some 1900 odd years ago, a child was born who would later become the king of kings, and the earthly manifestation of our God. Or at least some of us. And how do we celebrate it? By buying gifts, by spending more money than at any other time of the year. We aren't worshipping Christ, we are worshipping the green stuff, our real religion.

Enough of this. Here's to good ol' RWC, and if you don't hear from me again, have a good new year anyway.

Jack Keefe



## Command Performance At RWC

"Fascinating", "I like it", "I think it's great", "Absolutely amazing, I think it's really beautiful, and I think it's neat that we can all meet up on the balcony like this!". "It's not as spectacular as a solar eclipse, but it's nice."

These comments came from a curious crowd that witnessed, on top of the administration building, the lunar eclipse a few weeks ago.

Dr. Von Riesen of RWC explained to the *Quill* exactly what happens when a lunar

eclipse occurs:

"The light from the sun strikes the earth, and the earth's shadow is cast out into space and falls directly on the moon. The moon, during the eclipse, is red around the edges. The reason for this is that the light which passes through the earth's atmosphere, on the edges of the earth, is bent by the earth's atmosphere and is refracted so it strikes the surface of the moon."

Scientists can use this phenomenon for orbital calcula-

tions. When the moon is blocked out, stars that would not normally be seen are able to be seen. This provides data for the scientist he could not normally get.

If you missed this lunar eclipse you will have a long wait for the next one. The next total lunar eclipse which can be seen in the New England area will not occur until 1982.

Gee Aertsen  
Quill News

## NIKE SITE

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upon. There would always be someone who would disagree."

Q— Would there be any tax increase, if the town gets the land?

N— "A very minimal tax increase, if any, would arise because of this."

During the second part of the conference, the college had its turn. Mr. Rizzini, who acted as spokesman, read an opening statement which detailed the colleges needs for the land. After the statement, Mr. Rizzini and Mr. Shappy answered questions from the reporters and spectators. The following are highlights.

Q— In a Bristol Phoenix editorial dated Nov. 30th, you were quoted as stating that a joint development with the town is acceptable and such a plan is obviously the best for both parties. Is this true?

R— "That statement is false. I have never said that cohabitation is the best use of the property. There is, however, a joint use in our proposal for the Newport County Chapter for Retarded Citizen."

Q— What kind of physical education program is there in the college's proposal?

R— "Tennis courts and a hockey rink. These will be made available to the entire community."

Q— In Bristol's joint proposal that RWC rejected, how did the town include the college?

R— "Dormitory space was to be allocated to the college six to eight years from now by the town. Also allocated to the college are the silos, but as soon as the town begins building schools, they will build over the silos and we will have to get out."

Q— Do you see any other avenues the town could take to get the space they need for

their schools?

R— "The town has the right of eminent domain, a power the college does not have. They can condemn any piece of property with a minimal amount of justification to the courts. We would have to go to some other community, splitting our college which would be highly undesirable."

## Joint Use

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expect to have to consider the question.

Perhaps the school has a right to be cocky. After all, RWC put together the better proposal. But if the Board of Trustees thinks that the college can prosper while the town flounders, it is seriously mistaken. Bristol has allowed the RWC basketball team to practice in its gym for years now. It is offering internships in various fields to RWC students. There

are other obvious contributions the town makes to the college, and RWC makes a number of worthwhile facilities available to the town, but it is the less obvious interactions between town and college that are likely to become worsened if this land is not shared in some way.

Perhaps the motivation for joint use shouldn't be fear of retribution, active or silent. Perhaps it ought to spring from a desire to help improve the town in which RWC is located. It is our town and a good number of RWC people (teachers, workers, students) live in it. Why is it not our policy to share the good fortune of 17 acres at \$1 a year with our neighbors, the people of Bristol? Just because they've elected mental deficients to govern them doesn't mean their school system must suffer. Let's work on a joint proposal that benefits everyone.

Jack Keefe



Managing Editor Bill Alicandro cleverly keeps an eye on suspicious cameraman.

## THE QUILL

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# LETTERS & NOTICES

## HAVE A LAUGH

Dear Editor,

I send this knowing that most likely this letter will not get published. However, my intention is the same as Scottish Bishop Gordon Gray's words: "I cannot view the state of people outside the Church with excessive optimism, since only in the Catholic Church can be found both fullness of truth and the means necessary to salvation... It is not right to leave the pagans to their good faith, nor to consider the other religions and the other churches as more or less equivalent to the Catholic Church."

I have discovered that if I argue with a person long enough, the argument always leads to this question, "Can I be saved in any church?" I tell them the same as I'm telling you now: "No one can be saved except in the Catholic Church."

This dogma is evidently not an easy doctrine to hold and defend, especially to non-Catholics. In these modern times, very few people even want to talk about it, and, even more, there is strong evidence of the existence of an official, though never avowed, policy of suppressing it.

A dogma is an infallible truth, and these most solemn words of the popes is binding upon the conscience of everyone. The "no salvation" dogma has been defined as *ex cathedra*; in other words, the pope cannot err in this statement. This doctrine has been defined in three stages, making each pronouncement more definite and more emphatic than the one before it:

*Ex Cathedra*: "There is but

one universal Church of the faithful, outside of which no one at all can be saved." (Pope Innocent III, Fourth Lateran Council, 1215.)

*Ex Cathedra*: "We declare, say, define, and pronounce that it is absolutely necessary for the salvation of every human creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff." (Pope Boniface VIII, the Bull *Unam Sanctam*, 1302.)

*Ex Cathedra*: "The most Holy Roman Church firmly believes, professes, and preaches that none of those existing outside the Catholic Church, not only pagans, but also Jews and heretics and schismatics, can have a share in life eternal; but that they will go into the eternal fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels, unless before death they are joined with Her; and that so important and is the unity of this ecclesiastical body that only those remaining within this unity can profit by the sacraments of the Church unto salvation, and they alone can receive an eternal recompense for their fasts, their almsgiving, their other works of Christian piety and the duties of a Christian soldier. No one, let his almsgiving be as great as it may, no one, even if he pour out his blood for the Name of Christ, can be saved, unless he remain within the bosom and unity of the Catholic Church." (Pope Eugene IV, the Bull *Cantate Domino*, 1441.)

I challenge the editors (if they have any backbone at all) to print this. If this letter does get published, I hope and pray

that it will have an effect upon you.

To Jesus through Mary,  
Mark Terry

Does anybody believe this nonsense?

Editor

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITIONS

Santo DiGati, a Sophomore Art major from Bristol, Rhode Island, has been the recipient of the \$25.00 Government Savings Bond offered by the Roger Williams College Admissions Office in the 1975 Christmas Card competition. Mr. DiGati's design is a pen and ink line drawing of the Bristol Campus and reflects the gay mood of the holiday season.

## DANFORTH FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP NOMINEES

I am pleased to announce that two seniors, Thomas J. Fitzgerald and Roger E. Wood, majoring in American Studies and History respectively, have been nominated by the College for the Danforth Fellowship competition. They are among approximately 2000 other college seniors and recent graduates competing for 65 Danforth Fellowships. An initial screening by the Foundation will take place in January and the final selection made in March. The Fellowships are granted for graduate study to those people intending on a career in college teaching or administration.

C. A. W.

## DEGREE PROCEDURES

The November 21 deadline for the December 1975 graduates has passed. If you plan to graduate in December and have submitted a degree application after November 21, your dip-

loma will not arrive by the end of December. The delivery date of your diploma will be in the latter part of January or early February.

The deadline for the May 1976 graduates is March. All degree applications must be received in the Registrar's Office by this date.

Effective December 1975, honors will be imprinted on the diploma of any degree candidate who qualifies for honorary distinction. However, there will be a slight delay in receiving the diplomas with honors imprinted upon them since the diplomas cannot be ordered until the final grades are received.

## WHAT'S THE PAT FOR, ANYWAY?

Men, would you like to know more about a woman's thoughts? Women, would you like to know why men act the way they do?

If anyone is interested in getting involved with a "CR" group dealing with male/female interrelationships, please contact: Jeri Dantzig c/o Warner-Sociology Dept. or call 253-2384.

## APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees on November 20, 1975, the members unanimously appointed Mr. William H. Rizzini as Executive Vice-President of the College effective immediately for a period of 18 months and Mr. Robert McKenna as Dean of Administration for a period of 12 months.

At the same meeting, Mr. Rizzini's request to establish a college committee to search for

Villarland-Bohnsack, Dr. Thomas Holstein, Dr. Robert Conway, Dr. Mark Gould, Dean Swanson, Dean Payson, and students Andrienne Maher, and Monica Egresits.

Jolie Harting  
Quill News

## Meeting Street School

If you think RWC has a limited physical activity program, there is a school in East Providence that has students that have very limited activities. The school, the Meeting Street School, has ninety-one students enrolled that are either physically handicapped, blind or deaf.

Barbara Marchetti, fund raiser for the school, spoke with Gee Aertsen, Quill News

dent does one of two things, after swearing his head off, they either choose a course he or she might not really like or return home having lost a chance of getting extra credit points. Such a problem which affects an appreciable amount of students needs immediate attention.

The admissions people recognize the problem yet have not come up with a practicable answer. What is needed is a workable solution. The only feasible answer is to expedite the cutting of courses which do not have enough students enrolled in it. That way students

would not be inconvenienced by returning to college only to find their course has been dropped.

A schedule for intersession has been drawn up and posted for students in the registrars office. If you plan on attending this winters intersession, and you want to know if your course will be held, register as soon as the registrar will let you. The sooner enrollment figures are available to the registrar, the sooner students will be able to know where they stand.

Gee Aertsen  
Quill News

## Honors Program Initiated

An Honors Program, initiated in response to student complaint of lack of advanced courses at RWC, will be introduced to the college next semester. The program will stress independent work through seminars and an independent project.

A student is accepted to the program by a majority vote of the Honors Committee. Once in the program, he will be assigned a program advisor. A seminar focusing on a significant subject will be offered each semester. Seminars will normally be limited to fifteen students. Each Honors student is expected to complete at least two seminars. A Senior Honors project, a two semester, independent-study course leading to a completed thesis, is also expected of the student. The project will be graded by the Honors Committee. A student who successfully completes the two seminars and the Senior Honors project with a grade of not less than "B" may graduate as an "Honors Scholar."

Darwin and his impact in the world is the subject of the first seminar, which will be offered next semester. Dr. Mel Topf, director of the Honors Program, appointed Dr. Thomas Holstein of the Biology Department to coordinate the seminar. The course will concentrate on five major aspects: Darwin's World, Darwin's Impact on Scientific Thought, Darwin's Impact on Theological and Philosophical Thought, Darwin's Impact on the Literary Mind and Darwin's Impact on Society. Each student will be responsible for reading assigned readings, leading one of the weekly sessions, and submitting a term paper on the seminar topic by the end of the semester. Texts for the course are *Darwin: A Norton Critical Edition*, and *Darwin and Evolution*. The class will meet Monday afternoons from 3:00 until 5:00.

Dr. Topf views the Honors Program as a way to attract and retain students of superior ability to RWC. In talking to

rollment figures hoped higher than before.

There has been one major irritant which has been characteristic of all winter intersessions and that has affected both teachers and students. The problem is when some students return to college, having already registered for a specific course, they find that their course has been cancelled because of a lack of enrollment in that particular course. At this point the aggravated stu-

## Intersession

In 1973, RWC instituted a winter intersession which would be held in the month of January. During this month, students are able to take one course, maximum of two depending on the students grade average. The enrollment of winter intersessions has increased with each passing year. This winter the college will offer another intersession with en-

a permanent Academic Dean was approved as well as his request to have the current Acting Dean of Students continue in this capacity until the method of selection is determined in the Spring Semester.

It is expected that the search for the permanent Academic Dean will not be completed until after the selection of a new President which will enable him/her to have a voice in the final selection.

## NEW COUNSELOR

Student Services, at RWC, is currently conducting interviews for a new position at the college. The new position will be a counselor whose working hours would be in the afternoons, early evenings and on Saturdays. Roughly 130 applicants have been received and from this only ten will be interviewed. The process to choose the counselor has proceeded far enough to warrant a decision as early as exam week. If this happens, the new counselor would be on campus as early as next semester.

## SENATE ATTENDANCE

The Student Senate requests your presence at alternating senate meetings, held on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Bay Room of the Student Center, to present us with bi-monthly reports dealing with your present and proposed activities. With your help, we wish to achieve a solid form of communication of all bodies involved with student affairs at Roger Williams College.

Please notify us when you will attend.

Merry Christmas

editor. She mentioned that at Brown U., A Las Vegas night was held for the MSS. The occasion rang up \$2600 for the school. Bryant College put on an Oldies night that netted \$1000.

For such a deserving organization, RWC should do something. If you have any ideas on how to raise money for this needy school, drop down to the Student Senate offices with your ideas. Ninety-one handicapped children are waiting for you to help.





## A Christmas Story

Thursday, at work, the day before Christmas. I've been paid, but I'm broke. Dinner tonight? I can either write a bad check or invite myself somewhere. Joyce! The latter. A little dramatic when she has had too much brandy, but a good woman. She moved in with John a while ago—he's a bit funny too—look at yourself, stupid. He's an ex-muso who likes to drink. I've never heard his music, but we have drunk. I'm a young man who likes to drink.

One good story and I could break into it. So, I reserve straight brandy for after dinner only, and then no more than four good nips. Brandy is a killer, and I'm only twenty-five.

Today is also Thursday, three Thursdays after the beginning of the story. I've called in sick today, although I only have a bit of a head. I must get this written. Again, I'm broke, but there are two tins of spaghetti to be cooked.

Australia. The third country I've lived in since I left home. Home. At least at Christmas

the family forgives. At least at Christmas. But it is very cold in New York now.

Back to Thursday. Thank you Joyce, I'll see you at 8:00. A home cooked meal. I arrive at 7:30, she pours me a brandy. It's Christmas. They have a tree. Very beautiful. Tinsel, Angel Hair, lights, beads and a star. I used to fight with my sister as to who would put the star on. I always held the ladder.

We ate and drank, I watched the tree become more beautiful. Joyce took a small package from under the tree and gave it to me. With a kiss. It wasn't much, a novelty. A cute little novelty. It was the only present I received. I thanked her and drank.

Christmas dinner? I have plans. This made number seven. The others were just being nice though. Joyce and John were not. I looked at the tree. OK, what time? Eleven's fine. I drank.

I started for home. A long drive. At a set of lights a soldier stood. With his thumb out. Pick him up. Give him a

lift. It's a cold night here too.

"Where you going?"

"Lithgo."

"Well, I'll take you as far as Parametta."

He got in. He was drunk. Worse than me.

"Christmas leave?"

"No, my wife had a miscarriage."

"Oh."

We drove in silence. He fell asleep. I turned on the radio, low. Someone's flogging Christmas trees. I turned it off, disgusted.

Parametta. "Wake up, mate."

"Yeah, OK. Thanks for the lift." He stood on the roadside, straightening his cap. "Merry Christmas." He called after me.

I drove on. I pulled into my drive. Opened the door to my flat, went into the kitchen and put the electric jug on. Found the decanter. Just a nightcap. What a pretty tree.

Dawn came. The decanter empty. Merry Christmas.

I better shower. I can't. Now I can sleep. I won't dream about the tree.

I awake: I'm late. Too late.

I treat my friends very well, especially at Christmas.

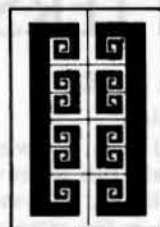
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## One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest

After thirteen years and millions of copies in print, someone finally got around to making a movie out of Ken Kesey's superb first novel, *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*. It stars Jack Nicholson, who as usual, seems created for the part, as R.P. Mac Murphy, a convict who pretends to be crazy in order to get out of prison, and into the state mental institution. Here, he meets up with Big Nurse, a cold and calculatingly cruel enforcer of the norm with some heavy machinery at her control. The book is a multi-dimensional allegory focusing on society's

often brutal methods in maintaining conformity.

Through the schizophrenic haze of Chief Broom's narration, the world of the ward becomes both hilarious and terrifying. The movie has sensibly done away with the narration, but has failed to instill the complexity of the book. The performances are all at times excellent, but the slapstick nature of these crazies resemble the Three Stooges. The book was a living nightmare, the movie only succeeds in becoming a very good platform for psychic freedom versus societal control, nothing

that unusual these days.

The book has sold so well for 13 years not only because it repudiates the stodgy psychiatric rigidity toward what is sane and crazy. Certainly Kesey enjoyed presenting the notion that the only way to maintain some amount of one's sanity in an insane world is to at least act crazy occasionally. Refusal to meet the world's arbitrary expectations was for me the fundamental idea behind the 60's, and LSD provided the vehicle for many including Kesey and the Pranksters.

Perhaps, it is the time interval from print to screen, but the movie, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* is a funny, well-directed, brilliantly acted, but painfully empty attempt. Go see it anyway, you'll enjoy it if only for Nicholson's finest acting moments thus far.

Jack Keefe



## OPEN DIVISION

*No Holds Barred* is a first of its kind in newspaper publications. It is unique because it combines the efforts of three normally conflicting groups: prisoners, administrators, and outside volunteers, to produce an inmate newspaper. It's being run from inside the Massachusetts correctional Institution, a minimum security prison in Concord.

The newspaper evolved from a writer's workshop being taught to prison inmates by Lyn Levy, a 1975 graduate of the Open Division. Lyn has provided the outside support necessary for the paper to stay in operation. *No Holds Barred* is now in desperate need of money. The staff does not want to become financially dependent on any one group. So, Lyn is in the process of incorporating with another woman. Incorporation will allow the paper to apply to independent foundations for money.

With a lot of experience in writing, including several publications, and a desire for freedom in learning, Lyn enrolled in the Open Division in Febru-

## Mel Topf Loosens His Tie

Dr. Melvyn A. Topf, an English professor at RWC, is a native of Brooklyn, New York. He has been to such institutions of learning as N.Y.U., Lehigh, and Penn State where he received his degree and taught for a few years. Here is his story.

Q— What prompted your teaching English?

T— That's a long story. I went to college at Lehigh as a freshman in the accounting program there. My father is a CPA and has his own company, I thought I would take it over someday, being his only son. I lost interest in that and went through a series of majors. By the time I was a junior, I was an English major. I am not sure why I picked that over any other major, just that I enjoyed

the work that I did. I also liked and respected many of the teachers I had.

Q— Being an English teacher, do you have a concept of humanities?

T— I do not have a concept of Humanities. I recently published an article in *College English* trying to demonstrate that in our time, we have no concept of Humanities. I keep thinking of teachers in Humanities subjects or something like the cartoon characters that have been chased off a cliff and are standing in mid-air for a few seconds and have not realized they are in mid-air until the fall. I believe the Humanities are something in the state of the cartoon characters who find they are in mid-air and not realized that he has no basis for being a humanist.

Q— As a teacher who has come in contact with a lot of students at RWC, what is your appraisal of an average RWC student?

T— As people, I find them very likeable, they seem to have more diverse personalities, individualistic, more aggressive and more interesting as people than the students I had at Penn State. On the other hand, as students, academically, speaking, they are terribly unsophisticated. For the most part, although there are exceptions, of course, they have very little background in the decencies of being a college student. Reading, writing, studying, and so forth. I suppose the major difference between here and Penn State is the attitude towards learning. There seems to be a greater amount of indifference here.

Q— How would you change this?

T— I have no idea on how to change it. It's difficult. It is slowly being changed in the course of time. When I first came here in 1969, I considered this school an academic disaster area. I think gradually both teachers and students are

Julie Harting

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## RIFT

A few weeks ago, the Rhode Island Feminist Theatre presented *O Womens Piece*, here at RWC. *O Womens Piece*, which was sponsored by the Womens Center, was written and performed totally by women. It was a study of female archetypes, relations and language which were explored and exploded through word ritual, movement and dialogue. This was presented through informal skits and audience participation. The play was an original RIFT production which was developed through improvisation, theatre games and present personal conflicts. The play followed four female archetypes from the past to the future. *O Womens Piece* studies the future with no archetypes, dreamers, absolutes, and anger. Imagine a world without

"isms"; from capitalism, nazism, fascism, all the way up to feminism. This piece dealt with O; take away the arrow from male and the cross from female and you have O. Very boring. My Interpretation of this segment of the play was a parody of the extremes, which are so prevalent in liberation movements.

Incorporated into the end of this play was an O question and answer period dealing with what it would be like to be an O. Here, the women of RIFT truly displayed their skills of improvisation. The audience was very warm and sincere with their responses. All in all, it was an interesting and thought-provoking play about womens concept, roles, and the future.

Jeri Dantzig

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RWC student attempting to relax after a particularly difficult exam.

## Mel Topf Loosens His Tie

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gaining a much more serious attitude about learning. Teachers have to communicate more affectively and maintain a level of academic standards which the students can be expected to adhere to. Students will respond if given such standards.

Q— From your point of view, where do you see the college going?

T— I think it's 50-50. It's very shaky. On one hand I think it could become a top-notch small New England liberal arts college. I came out here to make it that, and I think someday it could be that. On the other hand, it has a lot going against it and its future is very uncertain.

Q— Do you think what has happened to the college in the last six months has been healthy for it?

T— Yes, but it's only a start. I think the leadership of the college in the past six years, since I've been here, has been incompetent and sometimes downright dishonest. Again, it's only a start. The faculty and the administration now have to pick up the ball and start running with it.

Q— What are the future plans for yourself?

T— Nothing definite. I intend to stay at RWC indefinitely. I want to help make it a top-

notch liberal arts college, if that's possible. When I decide it's not possible, I may leave.

Dr. Topf also mentioned that he is not a member of a teacher's union. He believes that a real dedicated teacher should not have, as a primary standard, money or working conditions. He said that "... one of the worst things a teacher can do is strike, for what he is striking against is the students, not against the so called management."

## Political Forum

The Roger Williams Political Forum has booked movies of historical and political interest from the CBS "You Are There" series. Movies will generally be presented in the Rathskeller on Fridays from 12 to 12:30. No admission is charged. Why not eat your lunch in the "Rat" and pick up some interesting information at the same time? Movies may be obtained from the AV department for additional showings if desired. Contact Mrs. Mason in AV for a complete listing and schedule of movies on order.



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In the past three issues of the Quill, I have attempted to present a consumer's guide for various 'high' elements. The purpose is to entertain and enlighten. If you've been enlightened, let us know what drug and how much of a dose to take. Thanks.

Incognito

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# RWC SPORTS

## Basketball

Following defeat and then victory in the Paul Bunyan Tourney, the RWC Basketball team easily handled Franklin Pierce by a 114-54 margin. Forcing the other team into many turnovers, the Hawk's defense ignited their offense. The larger and more agile RWC team ran away with the game by half-time, 48-24.

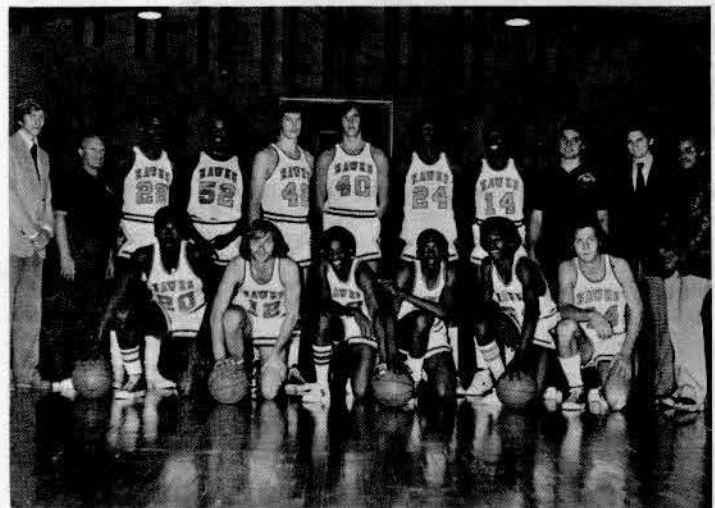
Beginning the 2nd half, Larry Lang caught fire and hit the first 5 of 6 shots, scoring all of his ten points in a 4 minute span. Six other RWC players scored in double figures:

Barnes .....15  
Hennenberger .....14

Wynne .....14  
Gurley .....13  
Hitteshew .....12  
Holloway .....10

The century mark was reached with a good 3 minutes to go. Aside from some bizarre behavior from some of the RWC rooting section, it was a fine night. This year's RWC squad looks regional bound, and at least as strong as the 73-74 team.

Last Tuesday night, RWC lifted its record to 4-1 with a 87-73 victory over Curry. Fred Barnes lead the Hawks with 14 points and 10 rebounds.



1975-76 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Keith Gurley (24), Mike Morse (52), Tony Williams (20), Rich Robertson (22), Bob Henneberger (42), Kevin Wynne (44), Larry Lang (12), Craig Hitteshew (40), Alonzo Holloway (32), Fred Barnes (14), Edwin Morris (34), Rob Holford (10). Hector Massa (Director of Athletics), Bernard Miller (Statistician), Rudy Crocco (Trainer), Douglas Barth (Manager) and Vic Collucci (Head Coach).

## Hawks Six Stomp Quinnipiac

The Roger Williams Hockey team demolished Quinnipiac, 16-5 as the Hawks unleashed 72 shots on goal. Bob Pendergast, Peter McCafferty and Marc Gardner each scored hat

tricks in the mismatch. It was the third straight victory for the Hawks and lifted their record to 4-1. Here's their schedule for the rest of the season:

## 1975-1976 Varsity Hockey

Nov. 25	Tue.	Framingham	Away	8:00
Dec. 2	Tue.	Clark University	Away	8:45
Dec. 5	Fri.	Southeastern Massachusetts	Home	8:00
Dec. 8	Mon.	Clark University	Home	8:00
Dec. 10	Wed.	Quinnipiac	Home	8:00
Dec. 15	Mon.	Gordon	Home	8:00
Dec. 17	Wed.	Stonehill	Away	8:00
Dec. 18	Thu.	Fitchburg	Away	8:00
Jan. 13	Tue.	Fitchburg	Home	8:00
Jan. 21	Wed.	Nichols	Away	8:00
Jan. 24	Sat.	Assumption	Away	8:00
Jan. 26	Mon.	St. Francis	Home	8:00
Feb. 2	Mon.	Fairfield University	Home	8:00
Feb. 9	Mon.	Nasson	Away	2:30
Feb. 10	Tue.	St. Francis	Away	8:00
Feb. 15	Sun.	Quinnipiac	Away	8:00
Feb. 16	Mon.	Stonehill	Home	8:00
Feb. 19	Thu.	Southeastern Massachusetts	Away	8:00
Feb. 25	Wed.	Fairfield University	Away	7:30
Feb. 27	Fri.	Univ. of Maine Portland/Gorham	Home	8:00
Mar. 3	Wed.	Hawthorne	Away	8:00

## Letters To Editor Continued

Dear Quill:

When we enter a classroom, let us consider for a moment the meaning of the word "class." The unabridged dictionary gives many meanings for it, among which, under education, it says, "A body of students meeting regularly to study the same subject, or to attend lectures or recitations" or "A body of students whose year of graduation from an institution is the same." In American slang, "class" means

style of manner or conduct; e.g. the familiar line, "You've got class, Baby." Ernest Hemingway thought of it as something deeper, a way of behaving well in difficult circumstance, a kind of inner courage, a "grace under pressure." Not a bad idea, when you stop to think about it. So, let's acquire "class" in the classroom and wear it as a trademark of a Roger Williams graduate.

Dean Payson

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